PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Government decided that the FCI would procure maize in Karnataka during Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001 under price support scheme only upto 31.3.2001.

(b) and (c) The State Government has extended support to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for acquiring storage space in few centres operated by FCI, enabling procurement of maize stocks in Shimoga and Belgaum Districts. FCI has made arrangements for transportation itself at the centres operated by FCI. At the purchase centres where Karnataka Food Civil Supplies Corporation (KFCSC) procured maize, they themselves have made the arrangements for transportation of maize from one point to another.

Clearance of proposal under-non-lapsable pool of resources

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) details of the criteria finalised and the steps required for considering and clearing a proposal for implementation under non-lapsable pool of resources (NER) indicating time set for each step;

(b) the list of pending proposals with indication of date of receipt, causes for its delay in getting clearance and expected time of clearances, State-wise;

(c) whether any specific guidelines have been finalised to ensure the 10 per cent State share for the projects of regional natural benefiting or encompassing more than two States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the nature of participation of executing States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Under the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources, preference is given to infrastructure projects such as in the sectors of road, power, drinking water supply, education etc. A Committee has been constituted to administer the Central Pool. The project proposals received for consideration under the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources are considered by this Committee and recommended, on merit, for support from the Central Pool with due

consideration to the priority attached by the concerned State Government to the respective project and information contained in the Detailed Project Report. As decided by the Committee in its Meeting held on 7th February 2000, projects costing less than Rs. 1 crore are not considered for funding from the Pool.

After the Detailed Project Report is received in the Planning Commission, the project proposal is examined in consultation with the Union Ministries/Department/Agencies. Wherever essential the concerned State Government is requested to revise/modify the proposal and thereafter it is placed before the Committee administering the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources. Unviable projects are returned to the State Government/concerned agencies. None of the projects proposals are kept pending after this process of examination.

Releases from the Pool are made in instalment (S) subject to utilisation of funds and progress made-both in financial and Physical terms in respect of the funds already released and availability of resources in the Pool.

The last Meeting of the Committee was held on 23rd January, 2001 when recommendations for various on-going/new projects were made. Further follow up on the deliberations of the Meeting of the Committee has since been initiated.

(b) List of pending cases is given in the Annexure (*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 27). After due examination by the concerned agencies, these projects will be sumbitted to the Committee (constituted to administer the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources) for consideration. No time frame for clearance of the cases can be determined, as this will depend upon the project evaluation being completed and upon the availability of resources in the Central Pool at that stage.

(c) to (e) The State' Financial contribution to projects sanctioned under the Pool is not insisted upon. Thus these projects are 100 per cent funded by the Government of India. However, the States fully participate in the formulation and execution of the projects.